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Lake Park man sentenced to 36 months in prison for robbing Hitterdal bank

A 22-year-old Lake Park man was sentenced today in federal court to 36 months in prison for the Sept. 26, 2007, holdup of a Hitterdal bank.

United States District Court Judge Ann Montgomery also sentenced Matthew Curtis Pederson to three years of supervised release June 27 in Minneapolis on one count of bank robbery. He was indicted Nov. 7, and pleaded guilty on Feb. 14, 2008.

According to his plea agreement, Pederson took approximately \$6,600 belonging to the State Bank of Lake Park in Hitterdal by force, violence and intimidation of a bank teller. Pederson entered the bank, approached a teller, pointed what appeared to be a gun and demanded money. The teller complied and Pederson fled.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Moorhead Police Department and the Clay County Sheriff's Office. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Newberry.